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NEP2020: The New Exclusion Policy

- Shishu Ranjan

“At every hour of every day, I can tell you on which page of which book each school child in Italy is studying.” - Benito Mussolini.

I am Quoting fascist dictator Benito Mussolini's thoughts on education. Now coming back to the National Education Policy 2020 that has been prepared by the Kasturirangan committee. There are so many reports in which it has been pointed out that more than 80% of RSS's agenda has been carried out in NEP2020. Now coming back to the quote by Benito Mussolini on education, the fascist agency RSS and their organizations want to indoctrinate the individual's life with their poisonous ideas of Manuwadi Hindutva. And here comes the role of education to meet their needs and demands. But the students of the country should know what they really want. Now let me explain in short what they want by implementing so-called 'progressive NEP 2020'. This document talks about universal access to education, it seems very sweet and progressive but in reality, the Fascist regime is here to mediate between us and the corporates and neo-imperialists to fulfill the demand of oppressors (corporates and neo-imperialists). To fulfill the unmet need of corporate friends, Mr. Narendra Modi challenged the constitution where Education is in the concurrent list, subject of Union and state. Also, Mr. Modi challenged the democratic system of the country, without debate in parliament they passed NEP2020 just like repealed farm laws. It will enough to say that NEP 2020 is just a

document to privatize and sell documents of education just like a commodity. In the name of reforming education, for 30 years the ruling parties are just selling the dream of people to get an education. If we analyze the previous data of shutting down the govt schools in the country, our freedom fighter's dream of universal access to free education will slam us. We should not forget the dream of Shaheed Bhagat Singh's dream of free education.

If we will analyze the characteristics of the govt for the past 7-8 years, BJP is doing nothing nonetheless they are just implementing the policies of Congress parties agenda. In addition, the BJP govt is having a harsh Hindutva agenda everywhere to foster Hindu Rashtra where Casteism, Communalism, inequality, domination, Brahminism will be the priority. It's a harsh reality that the implementation of NEP 2020 will be a milestone for the Fascists.

For a few years, public education is degraded exponentially. The closure of govt schools in various states is very furious, a country that ranks 101 in Global Hunger Index, how can we expect that people could afford a private education whose primary focus is to get the food first. Every year we got to see thousands-lakhs of people die due to hunger. And the govt on the suggestion of NITI Aayog focusing on privatization for the sake of profit-making giants and imperialists.

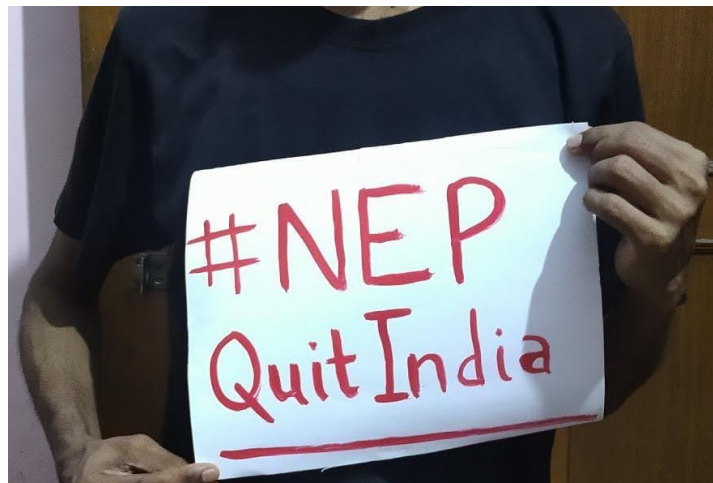
Reservation was granted for the sake of Social justice, to manage the social injustice done in

the name of casteism and Brahminism. But the privatization of education will snatch all the rights and remedies 'that is not enough' ensured to the oppressed class and caste of society like SC, ST, OBC, Minorities, women.

All India Forum for Right To Education (AIFRTE) raised serious concern on NEP 2020 and published a document '51 reasons of Why NEP 2020 should be Repealed'. It has been seen in the document that nowhere the term 'Secular' & 'Socialist' are being used. It clearly indicates the notion of the fascist regime. They (Fascist regime) clearly want the Manuwadi Hindutva state who will work for the interest of corporates and neo-imperialists. Education is a great weapon to control the whole country. It should be noted that the implementation of NEP 2020 is going to attack the federal structure of the country because NEP 2020 clearly focuses on the centralization of the education system of the country. That is clearly against the notion of India where multiculturalism, multilingualism, diverse History & Geography exist.

NEP 2020 focuses on the online and blended mode of education, which is totally anti-student. During covid-19, we got to see the digital divide. Also, we saw the suicide of Aishwarya Ready, a bright student of LSR due to digital division. As per her last note "My family has been spending a lot of money on me. I am a burden for them. My studies are a burden. But I cannot live without my studies. I have been contemplating this for days. I think that suicide is my only resort." This note clearly shows that how the digital divide is in the pandemic era.

As per a survey led by a prominent economist Jean Dreze, "the 'Emergency Report on School Education' says that only 8% of school students in rural India have been able to access online



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education, while at least 37% have stopped studying altogether." "The SCHOOL (School Children's Online and Offline Learning) survey makes it clear that the reach of online education is very limited: the proportion of school children who were studying online "regularly" was just 24% and 8% in urban and rural areas respectively. One reason for this is that many sample households (about half in rural areas) have no smartphone,"

All these above arguments clearly show that NEP 2020 focuses on privatization & commercialization. Also, the virtualization of education will lead to a sharp division between the haves and have not.

Therefore AIRSO strongly stands against the NEP 2020 and appeals to the student, teacher, women, Dalits, OBCs, tribals, and community who are connected to education to reject NEP 2020. Also appeals all progressive organization that thrives for Free and universal education for all should come together and build a mass movement to save Public education. It is our time to save education from corporate, imperialist, and Manuwadi Hindutva assaults.

Inquilab Zindabad!

Comradely,

Shishu Ranjan

Reality of Democracy in Kerala Campuses

Lenina A M

Kerala campus politics is a very complex and volatile issue, depending on the approach and nature of the students organizations. Therefore, we need to understand that while student organizations like SFI preach democracy and Azadi, pursuing an anti - democratic organizational approach and cultivating a patriarchal and brahmanical approach is something that completely distorts student politics itself. Such issues cannot be seen as the subject of an individual alone, because when a group of students in the same organization try to justify a political and cultural crime in the student community. At the same time, when such tendencies of theirs are repeated.

The incident that Com. Nimisha, State Committee Member of AISF faced was the clear reflection of the goon culture of Kerala student politics in general and the student organisation in particular. We have political differences with the organizations that use it, which is why we are not part of these organizations. Let us set aside this fact. This question is related to a democratic basis for students to express their ideas freely, beyond ideological differences. The SFI members at MG University not only publicly attacked Comrade Nimisha, but also threatened her with derogatory caste patriarchal language. One of the SFI activists called her 'Pulayathi', a caste term referring to the lower caste.

Another threat was that her son would not know his own father if she raised her voice like this. Indirectly, this means rape. Several SFI activists mocked her. That is why it was said at the outset that this was not a problem confined to the individual.

This is not the first time such incidents have taken place on campuses in Kerala. Electoral attacks are a common occurrence on Kerala campuses. This is one of the main reasons why even real political issues that students can clearly understand do not become the subject of public attention.

We must take this issue seriously. Due to the political dominance of such anti-democratic organizations, even our organization has not been able to establish itself on the campuses of Kerala. In the history of revolutionary student organizations in Kerala, RSO and KVS once existed on Kerala campuses and have faced numerous attacks from student organizations like SFI. That is why we reiterate that this is not an unusual or rare occurrence. AIRSO seeks to become one such organization that fights uncompromisingly against all such trends in student politics. We understand that this catastrophe in campus politics is an obstacle to the survival of democracy on campuses and the emergence of organizations that raise the right student issues. We fight against anti-democratic, patriarchal and casteist views in

students and society. But we cannot remain silent in the name of unity when an organization that is supposed to raise the voice of students becomes the carrier of this brutal social problem when a student leader in Kerala is threatened and attacked.

We condemn the attack on Comrade Nimisha, which is an anti-democratic attack on a student in its worst patriarchal and racist form. We are fighting against these social evils. As we fight against the RSS and the BJP, our goal is to fight against these social injustices. If SFI has the same evils, we will fight against them. We will wage an uncompromising struggle against fascist attacks on the freedom and rights of students. We strongly uphold our ideological stand against this social catastrophe.



**AISF State Committee
Member Nimisha
Credit: Nimisha**

Beyond these issues, the students of Kerala are not at all free from the threat of UAPA, which is not at all resisted but implemented in Kerala. In Delhi, when the students organisations that have sympathy towards parliamentary left politics are highly vocal on UAPA. But when two students, Alen and Thaha from the same organisation were charged UAPA, they were totally silent. Also, they were vocal in justifying the party in rule. The governments' clamping down on the freedom of expression, giving it no value in Kerala in these cases. In the last 5 years, almost 125 UAPA cases were reported in Kerala. Alen and Thaha were recently released on the basis of Supreme Court verdict and not the Kerala government's order. So, it becomes clear that when their slogan of 'People's Democracy' is just the democracy for their party supporters only. That's why, we are having serious concerns over the future of campus politics as these tendencies create fear on common masses and thereby destroy the concept of mass movements against the imperialist and fascist policies.

Revolutionary greetings



**UAPA Charged Students, Alen and Thaha
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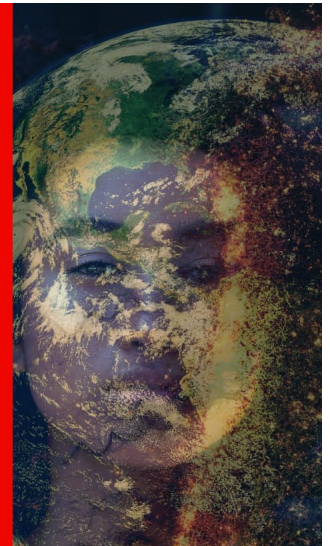
Fight Against Ecological Catastrophe and the Imperialist Plunder on Nature and Human

-Niranjan K S

The ecological question is dealt by the state in different manners in different countries and in different periods. Based on the understanding of this question by the states and institutions, we can categorise them into two:- i) Deniers of Climate Change ii) Acceptors of Climate Change. The first category includes the most reactionary Trump government and others. The second category is more in number. They accept climate change and ecological catastrophe as realities. It includes the UN and the supporters of UN position. But the similarity between these two categories is that the funders of both the categories are big multinational corporate houses. That's why, the groups in the second category do nothing but preach about individual behavioural changes, small initiatives and steps for mitigation/ adaptation are the only points of focus. It means that their efforts benefit nothing but to disguise the real climatic change and its causes. That's why their initiatives are not at all concerned with the capitalist mode of production, imperialist plunder of the environment or the profit-making mindset of the corporate. They are ready to sacrifice the whole earth but not ready to sacrifice the profit of the corporates. That's why, both the understandings are just hoodwinking the people from the reality of climate change and ecological catastrophe.

To understand this in a better manner, this data gives correct evidence. Carbon Majors Report, published 4 years ago, stated that 100 companies are responsible for 71% of the global greenhouse gas emissions, since 1988. The report also says that if fossil fuels are extracted at the same rate in the next 28 years, as it were, in the last 40 years, global temperatures may rise by 4°C. UNFCCC targets are set at 1.5°C. Without regulating the extraction of fossil fuels, no change is possible. If we check the data on production of coal, in 1978, 22.78% of the total energy consumption was contributed by coal. At that time, there was no production of solar and wind energies. Now, it has risen to 25.3%. The consumption of solar and wind energies are only 1.03% and 2.04% respectively. Usage of solar and wind energies are increasing only. It is good news. But there is no reduction of non-renewable sources as per the increase in renewable. In fact, the entire

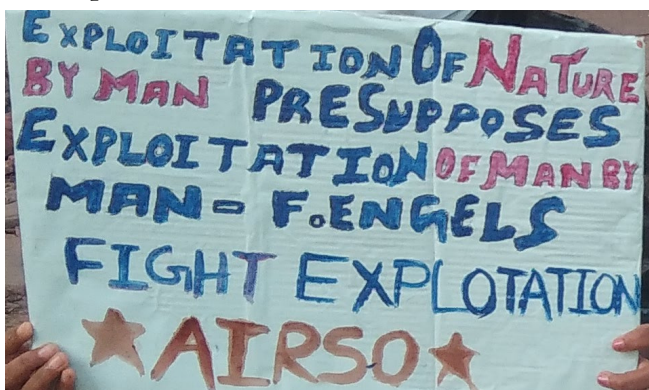
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energy consumption is increasing massively. The total energy consumption increased from 1,61,069 Terawatt-hours in 2014 to 1,73,340 Terawatt-hours in 2019. The consumption of coal was decreasing from 2014-16 but after that the consumption is rising once again, even in the midst of the pandemic.

These trends are showing that the international organisations are not at all concerned with these matters, these days. UNFCCC plans to utilise \$100 billion annually to combat climate change, in the name of Global Climate Fund. But the reality is that these funds would never mitigate the real crisis. It is evident from the recent allocation of funds by GCF for a project worth \$1.2 billion. The whole \$1.2 billion primarily focuses on adaptation technologies rather than fighting against climate change. There is another program by the UN called ACE- Action for Climate Empowerment. Its definitions state that greenhouse emissions are caused by action, inaction, decision and behaviour of the people. For that they have adopted 6 methods; i) Climate Change Education, ii) Training, iii) Public Awareness iv) Public Participation v) Public access to information vi) International Cooperation. We can clearly see that they don't even have the basic sense to understand the relation between the Imperialist plunder and the ecological catastrophe.



Credits: Arvind

That's why, we regularly stress the fact that this is a political issue that occurs in relation to the increasing contradiction between the capital and nature. When the exploitation of man by man is increasing day by day, the exploitation of nature by man also increases. There is a contradiction between imperialism and the people. When people get alienated from nature and the individuals take decisions only with a vision for their profit, the harmony between human and nature gets affected. This can be solved only by uniting the people against the imperialist forces, who plunder human and nature for profit. We have to wage struggles against them and at the same time, develop an alternative for development. This alternative that fits the ecology can only solve this problem. Otherwise, our Earth will remain as perpetually and stably hot. The sea levels will rise due to the melting of ice in ice caps. The entire human race will face extinction due to this impending ecological catastrophe. Otherwise, we have to unite and struggle against these issues immediately. We don't have much time to wait. The people, especially, youth all over the world, understand this as our collective responsibility to protect this world and fight for our ecology.

Release student activist Comrade Tipu, expose TMC's double stand on UAPA

Priyam Basu

The Trinamool government has once again used the draconian UAPA law to arrest a political activist in Bengal. In 2017, it had used the law to arrest activists involved in the Power Grid Movement in Bhangar. The nine arrested activists included Comrades Pradip Singh Thakur, Kushal Debnath, Shankar Das and Sharmistha Chowdhury. It has also regularly used the law to suppress the Gorkha movement in Darjeeling. However, the arrest of Tipu Sultan is the first instance of the usage of UAPA by the TMC after winning the 2021 elections.

This bears special significance owing to the fact that the Trinamool Congress had severely criticised the BJP government after the custodial death of Father Stan Swamy. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had gone to the lengths of labelling the law 'draconian' and 'inhuman'. TMC MPs had demonstrated outside Parliament, hanging placards around their necks. This posturing may have led some to believe that the party would desist from engaging in such oppressive behaviour in their own state. But their move to arrest Tipu proves their double-dealing. Their position as ruling party and opposition party seems to be completely different!

The fascist RSS-BJP is bringing in anti-people policies throughout the country. Naturally, the student community is no exception. For the last 7 years, not only have they failed to widen



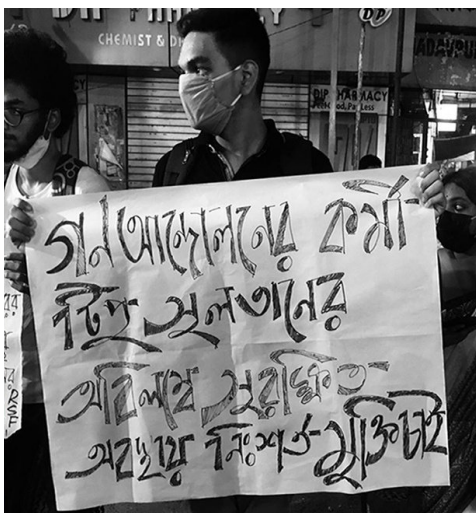
Tipu Sultan, Charged UAPA

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the reach of education, they have further restricted opportunities for the working class by commodifying education. The National Education Policy (2020) has brought an unprecedented attack upon the students of this country. Historically deprived groups are being ignored, and reservation being marginalised in order to make education an upper-caste, upper-class prerogative. Aside from this, RSS-BJP has introduced legislation which is anti-environment, inhuman, discriminatory and anti-poor. Just when the student movement is standing strong against this onslaught and on the frontlines of the resistance, the TMC indirectly strengthens the fascists by suppressing dissent in a similar fashion.

Needless to say, the rest of the opposition parties are also strengthening the fascists with their own hypocrisy. Starting from the CPI(M)-led LDF in Kerala to the Congress government in Chattisgarh, the opposition parties seem to be more interested in suppressing people's movements than supporting and strengthening them. In a similar fashion to the BJP, they are jailing activists by filing false cases and using UAPA. Thus, the opposition parties are proving that in spite of their desire to beat to BJP electorally, they are quite uninterested in adopting an anti-fascist political stance. The Trinamool Congress is walking the same path.

The TMC alleges that the Centre uses the ED and the CBI to silence the opposition. These agencies file false cases against opposition leaders, only to recant them when they join the BJP. The likes of Mukul Roy and Subhendu Adhikari prove that this allegation holds water. But what about the Trinamool itself? It follows the same washing-machine strategy, filing cases against dissenters and recanting them when they join the party. In other words, both the RSS-BJP and the TMC set up these situations for their own political benefit.



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In the 70s, Ugandan president Idi Amin had said, "I can guarantee freedom of speech but I cannot guarantee freedom after speech." Our rulers, both at the state and central level, are expressing similar views. On the issue of protestors and activists, they have a common stance. Hence, we need to brace ourselves to fight undemocratic, oppressive fascism in all its forms. The collective student community needs to stand up for its own demands, as well as the demands for social justice and human rights.

Farmers' Struggle Triumphs: The Fear of UP Elections is Nothing Other Than the Fear of Farmers' Struggle

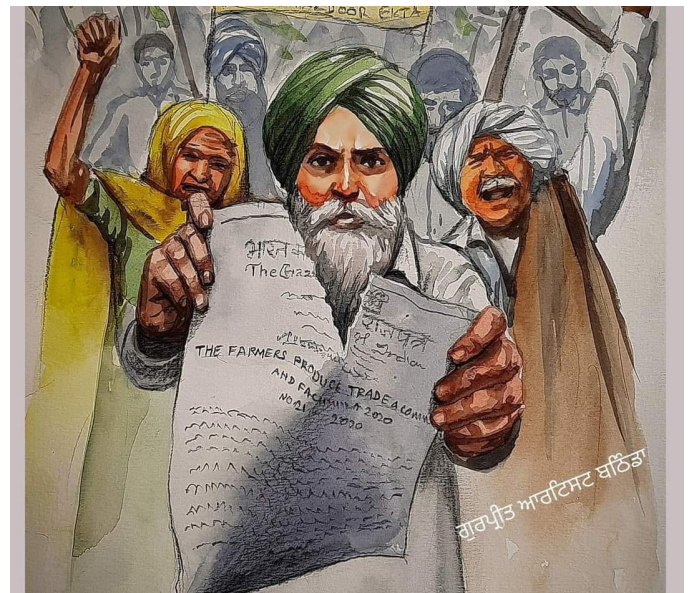
-Anjan Azad

After a year long struggle, the farmers succeeded in repealing the three farm laws. It is the historical victory of the farmers' determination and militancy, they showed in sieging Delhi for a long year. The modi government leaned down its head in front of the farmers accepting the biggest political defeat. This movement and its victory gave new impetus to all kinds of political movements all over India. It proves that even in the era of neo-fascism, mass movements is the path to fight oppression.

But some opinions are arising that the government repealed the laws in fear of elections only and not the farmers' struggle. They condemn the force and power of farmers' struggle by superficially quoting elections as the sole reason for the victory of farmers' movement.

For them let me ask, who denies the fact that BJP revoked the farm laws in fear of elections? But it doesn't mean that BJP didn't fear the farmers' struggle and the farmers struggle was not the reason for repeal of the laws. The fear of getting defeated in UP elections and then in the Punjab elections was ultimately due to the influence of farmers' struggle. A movement with almost 5 lakh direct participants during January and February and almost 90% of the Punjabi farmers and households indirectly supporting the movement had a huge impact on the political view of the people of Punjab and Haryana.

This change was a revolutionary one and made people aware of the pro-corporate nature of the BJP government. That's why, for the next 5 years, there is no expectation that BJP can have a positive influence. Beyond that the ground made by the struggle in the UP due to its spreading to UP had a remarkable effect. The long standing farmers' struggle and Muzaffarnagar Mahapanchayat with almost 10 lakh of mobilisation and Lakheempur Kheeri massacre were huge setbacks for the BJP. The groundwork of farmer organizations in UP started spreading to villages of UP too. Defeating BJP in UP elections was a tactical line adopted by the farmers' struggle. In parallel to that political parties like Cpiml Redstar Web adopted it as a political initiative to defeat BJP in UP elections by creating a political platform called 'Defeat BJP, Save Democracy'. Even if the initiative was small, the line they initiated was accurate.



Using elections as a means to intensify class struggle and to make people politically conscious of a people's alternative is the essence of this parliamentary form of struggle. Neither the ultra-left sectarian anarchists nor the ultra-right parliamentarist revisionists understood this yet. If they recognised it, the mobilisation in UP would have been broader.

But it is obvious that the laws can be reimplemented after the elections as the nature of the government is fascist and pro-corporate. I don't know what will happen to the deals between BJP and the corporates. It can lead to the reduction of corporate funding to the BJP. So the laws repealed can't be said as permanently repealed as BJP needs to favour the corporates. But you must also remember that the struggle is not yet over. It will continue with the major demand for statutory backing for MSP. On 22nd November Mahapanchayat at Lucknow, a mass mobilisation took place. The SKM also called to observe the completion of one year of the struggle. Samyukt Kisan Morcha already declared that the government agrees to the demand of legalising MSP and repealing Electricity bill, the movement won't end. Now, the movement is complete in its demands as the government agreed to all the demands of farmers and Ministry declared the formation of a committee for formation of MSP with clear guidelines. With the end of the struggle, which lasted 380 days, the cause for which lakhs of farmers struggled and more than 700 farmers became martyrs, became meaningful. The farmers' struggle was a huge upsurge of the people against corporatisation of agriculture. This victory is, in fact, the victory of this method of struggle. But still, farmers' movements will continue all over India for the MSP and strengthening of APMC system.

The Manuvadi Fascist BJP-RSS nexus is always a threat to the Indian democracy. So, even if the struggle is won, our responsibilities aren't yet over. Unless and until we keep going on with the agenda of defeating BJP in UP elections, the fascist offensive will get intensified. There are a list of laws and policies, pending to be opposed and repealed, like NEP2020, CAA-NRC-NPR, UAPA, Sedition, 4 Labour Codes, Constitutional Amendment on Kashmir, Laws on Lakshadweep, etc. The neoliberal and fascist policies are to be vehemently fought against. That's why, the anti-imperialist, anti-fascist tasks are still in front. The farmers paved a way for more and more people's upsurges. Dissent is the only weapon for the oppressed. Silence is the weapon of the oppressor. Let thousand flowers blossom, let thousand thoughts contend

A Excerpt from Ambedkar's Annihilation of Caste and AIRSO's Comment Over it

Caste is not just a division of labour, it is a division of labourers

It is a pity that Caste even today has its defenders. The defences are many. It is defended on the ground that the Caste System is but another name for division of labour; and if division of labour is a necessary feature of every civilized society, then it is argued that there is nothing wrong in the Caste System. Now the first thing that is to be urged against this view is that the Caste System is not merely a division of labour. It is also a division of labourers. Civilized society undoubtedly needs division of labour. But in no civilized society is division of labour accompanied by this unnatural division of labourers into watertight compartments. The Caste System is not merely a division of labourers which is quite different from division of labour it is a hierarchy in which the divisions of labourers are graded one above the other. In no other country is the division of labour accompanied by this gradation of labourers.

[2:] There is also a third point of criticism against this view of the Caste System. This division of labour is not spontaneous, it is not based on natural aptitudes. Social and individual efficiency requires us to develop the capacity of an individual to the point of competency to choose and to make his own career. This principle is violated in the Caste System, in so far as it involves an attempt to appoint tasks to individuals in advance selected not on the basis of trained original capacities, but on that of the social status of the parents.

[3:] Looked at from another point of view, this stratification of occupations which is the result of the Caste System is positively pernicious. Industry is never static. It undergoes rapid and abrupt changes. With such changes, an individual must be free to change his occupation. Without such freedom to adjust himself to changing circumstances, it would be impossible for him to gain his livelihood. Now the Caste System will not allow Hindus to take to occupations where they are wanted, if they do not belong to them by heredity. If a Hindu is seen to starve rather than take to new occupations not assigned to his Caste, the reason is to be found in the Caste System. By not permitting readjustment of occupations, Caste becomes a direct cause of much of the unemployment we see in the country.

[4:] As a form of division of labour, the Caste system suffers from another serious defect. The division of labour brought about by the Caste System is not a division based on choice. Individual sentiment, individual preference, has no place in it. It is based on the dogma of predestination. Considerations of social efficiency would compel us to recognize that the greatest evil in the industrial system is not so much poverty and the suffering that it involves, as the fact that so many persons have callings [=occupations] which make no appeal to those who are engaged in them. Such callings constantly provoke one to aversion, ill will, and the desire to evade.

[5:] There are many occupations in India which, on account of the fact that they are regarded as degraded by the Hindus, provoke those who are engaged in them to aversion. There is a constant desire to evade and escape from such occupations, which arises solely because of the blighting effect which they produce upon those who follow them, owing to the slight and stigma cast upon them by the Hindu religion. What efficiency can there be in a system under which neither men's hearts nor their minds are in their work? As an economic organization Caste is therefore a harmful institution, inasmuch as it involves the subordination of man's natural powers and inclinations to the exigencies of social rules.

The worst feature of the Caste System is an anti-social spirit

The Hindus often complain of the isolation and exclusiveness of a gang or a clique and blame them for anti-social spirit. But they conveniently forget that this anti-social spirit is the worst feature of their own Caste System. One caste enjoys singing a hymn of hate against another caste as much as the Germans enjoyed singing their hymn of hate against the English during the last war [=World War I]. The literature of the Hindus is full of caste genealogies in which an attempt is made to give a noble origin to one caste and an ignoble origin to other castes. The Sahyadrikhand is a notorious instance of this class of literature.

2:] This anti-social spirit is not confined to caste alone. It has gone deeper and has poisoned the mutual relations of the sub-castes as well. In my province the Golak Brahmins, Deorukha Brahmins, Karada Brahmins, Palshe Brahmins, and Chitpavan Brahmins all claim to be subdivisions of the Brahmin caste.

But the anti-social spirit that prevails between them is quite as marked and quite as virulent as the anti-social spirit that prevails between them and other non-Brahmin castes. There is nothing strange in this. An anti-social spirit is found wherever one group has "interests of its own" which shut it out from full interaction with other groups, so that its prevailing purpose is protection of what it has got.

[3:] This anti-social spirit, this spirit of protecting its own interests, is as much a marked feature of the different castes in their isolation from one another as it is of nations in their isolation. The Brahmin's primary concern is to protect "his interest" against those of the non-Brahmins; and the non-Brahmins' primary concern is to protect their interests against those of the Brahmins. The Hindus, therefore, are not merely an assortment of castes, but are so many warring groups, each living for itself and for its selfish ideal.

[3:] Any objection to Liberty? Few object to liberty in the sense of a right to free movement, in the sense of a right to life and limb. There is no objection to liberty in the sense of a right to property, tools, and materials, as being necessary for earning a living, to keep the body in a due state of health. Why not allow a person the liberty to benefit from an effective and competent use of a person's powers? The supporters of Caste who would allow liberty in the sense of a right to life, limb, and property, would not readily consent to liberty in this sense, inasmuch as it involves liberty to choose one's profession.

[4:] But to object to this kind of liberty is to perpetuate slavery. For slavery does not merely mean a legalized form of subjection. It means a state of society in which some men are forced to accept from others the purposes which control their conduct. This condition obtains even where there is no slavery in the legal sense. It is found where, as in the Caste System, some persons are compelled to carry on certain prescribed callings which are not of their choice.

5:] Any objection to equality? This has obviously been the most contentious part of the slogan of the French Revolution. The objections to equality may be sound, and one may have to admit that all men are not equal. But what of that? Equality may be a fiction, but nonetheless one must accept it as the governing principle. A man's power is dependent upon (1) physical heredity; (2) social inheritance or endowment in the form of parental care, education, accumulation of scientific knowledge, everything which enables him to be more efficient than the savage; and finally, (3) on his own efforts. In all these three respects men are undoubtedly unequal. But the question is, shall we treat them as unequal because they are unequal?

[6:] From the standpoint of the individualist, it may be just to treat men unequally so far as their efforts are unequal. It may be desirable to give as much incentive as possible to the full development of everyone's powers. But what would happen if men were treated as unequally as they are unequal in the first two respects? It is obvious that those individuals also in whose favour there is birth, education, family name, business connections, and inherited wealth, would be selected in the race.

But selection under such circumstances would not be a selection of the able. It would be the selection of the privileged. The reason, therefore, which requires that in the third respect [of those described in the paragraph above] we should treat men unequally, demands that in the first two respects we should treat men as equally as possible.

[7:] On the other hand, it can be urged that if it is good for the social body to get the most out of its members, it can get the most out of them only by making them equal as far as possible at the very start of the race. That is one reason why we cannot escape equality. But there is another reason why we must accept equality. A statesman is concerned with vast numbers of people. He has neither the time nor the knowledge to draw fine distinctions and to treat each one equitably, i.e. according to need or according to capacity. However desirable or reasonable an equitable treatment of men may be, humanity is not capable of assortment and classification. The statesman, therefore, must follow some rough and ready rule, and that rough and ready rule is to treat all men alike, not because they are alike but because classification and assortment is impossible. The doctrine of equality is glaringly fallacious but, taking all in all, it is the only way a statesman can proceed in politics which is a severely practical affair and which demands a severely practical test.

AIRSO's Comment

The political religion is becoming a danger for the concept of secularism all over India. The weapon of casteism that has got promoted and escalated by the vedic and manusmritic brahmanism, is clearly based on the varna-based organisation of labour (established by Aryans) and is in succession due to the brahmanical family system. So uprooting the caste from the society is a necessity. But no student organisation that upholds red flag has ever recognised the question of caste in the right manner. Even though with reluctance, they accepted the caste as a question to be resolved, they don't have a path towards it. But AIRSO is an exception to that. AIRSO has solidarity with movements like All India Caste Annihilation Movement to initiate the tasks of caste annihilation. We fight for caste annihilation by destroying the caste nature of division of labour, fighting for reservation, initiating ideological offensive against all kinds of tendencies that directly and indirectly promotes the vedic brahmanical culture(Fighting against the influence of manusmriti among people),promoting exogamy (intercaste marriages), and fighting against all those moves that strengthen the caste barriers.

When the RSS-BJP nexus and its manuvadi hindutva ideology is promoting caste divide and communal divide among the people. Through NEP2020 and other bureaucratic assaults on education, they are striving hard to strengthen the caste barriers, which will prevent the integration of dalits and adivasis with the mainstream society. That's why, fight against these forces is in fact, the fight against caste divide.

On 6th December, we are observing Ambedkar's death anniversary as a day to promote the caste annihilation movement among students. So our slogan is to break all caste barriers among ourselves and the society and march towards caste annihilation. AIRSO declares its intolerance with all kinds of inhuman effects of caste among the people. Our vision of universalisation of education is aiming to bring all the dalits and workers and tribal under the purview of education.

EDUCATE! AGITATE! EMANCIPATE!

Digital-Distance Education in NEP2020

(Taken from Dictionary of NEP2020, Prepared by Students of Collective)

WhatsApp Universities: A timeline

2000
Birla - Ambani
Report on
Reforms in
Education

A committee representing Big Industry advocates for the greater involvement of technocrats, technological finance and MNCs such as IBM, Microsoft, Wipro and Amazon in education. Proposes a 'user pays' model in education.

Apr, 2017
NITI Aayog's
Three Year
Action Agenda

Recommends focussing on using technology and starting Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) to ramp up formal enrolment in education

May, 2017
KPMG - Google
Report on On-line Education

Two of the world's largest finance consultancies and tech giants collaborate to bring out a report projecting that the online education 'market' in India will grow 8 times in the next five years. It also has a special section on online standardised tests and online test preparation, the market for which will grow to be 11 billion US dollars according to KPMG estimates.

Jul - Nov, 2017

MHRD begins work on an online platform called SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active-Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) Central which offers MOOCs covering all advanced education, high school and 'skill sector' courses. A few months later, National Testing Agency, a specialised, autonomous body for conducting standardised, computer-based exams is established.

May 1, 2020

In the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, facing widespread resistance from students and state governments to Online Exams, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that online education will be the biggest component of the upcoming NEP.

Jul 6, 2020

A few days later, the Ministry of Home Affairs under Amit Shah intervenes to make online exams compulsory for final year students of all universities.

CBSE is allowed to partner with IBM to integrate AI curriculum. Reported that at least seven Indian HEIs have started using Amazon Web Services' 'Cloud curricula' in syllabi.

July 29, 2020

The NEP 2020 is adopted by Cabinet, which has a separate section added to the earlier draft dealing exclusively with online and digital education.

Credits: Dictionary of NEP2020 Prepared by Collective

'While education will play a critical role in this transformation, technology itself will play an important role in the improvement of educational processes and outcomes; thus, the relationship between technology and education (at all levels) is bi-directional.' (NEP 2020, section 23.1)

The process of the steam rolling in 'Digital-Distance

Education' over the last three years has been concluded with the NEP 2020. Done in the name of increasing Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education, online education of the sorts proposed will only formalize exclusion. Instead of technology supplementing a radical vision of equality and social justice, education will now be parcelled into small modules for skill-training and the majority exiting with online certificates/diplomas will work in low-paying, highly exploitative jobs. On one hand, now fewer faculty will be recruited and standardised curriculum will be further distanced from people's real concerns. On the other, a huge market will be created to make profit from the aspirations of a huge number of young people to get some kind of formal higher education.

The experience of the COVID-19 pandemic has shown that Digital-Distance Education increases existing social hierarchies and automatically excludes a large section from equal participation. If the foundational pillars of this policy are access, equity, quality, affordability and accountability, the Cabinet Ministers should have considered NSSO 2017-18 data which shows that only around 8% Indian students have both computers and home-based internet access.

The numbers are even lower in rural areas, among Dalit, Adivasis and Muslims and do not show the added disadvantages faced by Persons with Disabilities (PwD students) even with internet access. The push towards 'coding', digital literacy, computational thinking, mathematics for artificial intelligence, machine learning and data science without public investment in basic digital equipment reveals that citizens' interests are not at the centre of this policy. NEP 2020 also celebrates a 'Minimum Human Interface'.

In a conspicuous attempt to promote this, inspections conducted by regulatory bodies will now be replaced by online 'self disclosure' based lucid systems. The proposed National Educational Technology Forum is also another step in that direction. This displays a conservative shift towards technocratic policy-making. It reduces the space for democratic consultation, erodes right-based demands over education and is unconcerned with questions of access, scientific curriculum and social justice.



Credits: Collective

Tribute to the Butterflies

- Sharmistha Choudhary

25th November 2019

Today, November 25, marks the day of martyrdom of the Mirabal sisters – icons of feminist resistance against tyranny and oppression. It was on this day in 1960 that the Mirabal sisters, Patria, Minerva and Maria Teresa, were murdered by the government of their country, the Dominican Republic. It was State-sponsored violence at its most heinous.

Born to middle class parents in the Dominican Republic, the three sisters – along with Dede, the fourth one, who survived – suffered the patriarchy and denial of rights that is so common to all developing countries of the world. However, not only did they battle patriarchy in their personal lives, including coping with their mother's helplessness in the face of their father's infidelity, they were also revolutionary activists who became symbols of unfailing opposition to the hated and feared dictator of their country, General Rafael Trujillo.

The 31 years (1930-1961) of Trujillo's ruthless rule were characterized by severe repression of labor and trade union movements, of Leftist and youth organizations, and of his opponents and dissidents. Trujillo's rule, which was initially supported by the US for strategic and economic reasons, was a bloody one. There was an absolute lack of democratic freedoms. It is estimated that his regime brought about the death of more than 50,000 Dominicans and thousands more of Haitians who were specific targets in the killings in October 1937, now referred to as the 'Parsley Massacre'.

Like any fascist dictator, Trujillo did not tolerate dissent; he ruined, imprisoned or killed anyone who dared to go against him. He was corrupt as well as murderous; he exploited his authority to create numerous monopolies, and thereby became the wealthiest man in the Dominican Republic. As president, he took personal control of the nation's salt production. As the owner of the Barahona salt mines, he promulgated a law prohibiting the traditional production of sea salt, which was virtually free, so that the people would have to purchase salt produced at his mine. With the monopoly in place, he raised the price of salt from 60 cents to \$3 for a hundred pounds. He also established a meat monopoly by taking over the slaughterhouses in the capital, Santo Domingo de Guzmán, and eventually his network of monopolies included rice and milk. Trujillo also created a bank for cashing government cheques that was managed by his wife María Martínez Trujillo. He owned or directly controlled much of the country's most vital utilities — the radio, the mail, the press, the airlines, and the passport office. Those who spoke out against him often died in brutal and unexplained circumstances. To top it all, he also followed the ancient precedent of men in power serially harassing and assaulting women. He would send so-called 'beauty scouts' to bring him young women or girls to sexually abuse. He had a number of mistresses, most of whom he had captured by force, installed in apartments various parts of the country, and was always on the lookout for more.

In fact, the Mirabal family's first real run in with Trujillo was at a party to which they were invited. Trujillo had his eye on Minerva Mirabal. But when she refused his advances and abruptly left the party, he was so infuriated that he had her father, Don Enrique, arrested and incarcerated in the Fortelaza Ozama in Ciudad Trujillo (Santo Domingo). Minerva and her mother were arrested the following day. Everyday Minerva was taken to the Fortaleza Ozama and interrogated by Trujillo's men. She refused to write a letter of apology to Trujillo. Finally they were released but Don Enrique died shortly after, his health ruined by torture behind bars, in 1953.

Minerva went to law school but such was Trujillo's personal animosity against the girl that although she graduated summa cum laude she was refused a license to practice law. She was the first of the sisters to join the national underground movement to overthrow Trujillo. She took the codename of Mariposa, meaning 'butterfly', which to her symbolized life and freedom. Maria Teresa was the next to join the resistance. The youngest of the sisters, she had always admired Minerva and shared the latter's political views and passion, so her choice was a natural one. They manually assembled and stocked guns and bombs in preparation of an outright, violent uprising. Patria, the eldest sister, was the last to become involved. She had always known Trujillo to be a monster, but it was upon witnessing a massacre carried out by the Trujillo regime while on a religious retreat that she chose to channel her rage into rebellion.

In 1960 the three sisters founded the "Movement of the 14th of June," so named after the day of the massacre which Patria had witnessed. Now, together known as the Mariposas (Butterflies), the three sisters plunged into action to effect an insurrection that would destroy Trujillo and his regime. Burying caches of arms under their farmland and carrying out clandestine prooaganda became a routine affair. The successful Cuban Revolution of 1959, led by Fidel Castro, further intensified their fervour and shaped their political sensibilities.

The Cuban revolution, which led to the coming to power of Fidel Castro in January 1959, played a major role in radicalizing many Dominicans, including the Mirabal sisters. In it Latin Americans sensed a major step forward in the struggle for social justice in a part of the world where millions had long been denied personal liberty and the basic elements of a decent life. As the desire for democracy and social justice began to stir in the Dominican Republic in 1959, the response of the Trujillo dictatorship was swift and brutal. Hundreds were imprisoned, many were tortured, and some simply disappeared, never to be seen again. The sisters' activism did not go unnoticed by the regime and soon Minerva and Maria Teresa, along with their husbands, as well as Patria's husband and son, were arrested for plotting to assassinate Trujillo. A mole had likely infiltrated their ranks and reported back to the authorities. Incarcerated and tortured for some months, Minerva and Maria Teresa were released due to the Organization of American States' official condemnation of their arrest.

After their release, the Mariposas became icons in their own country and thousands looked up to them in silent reverence as the heroic symbol of resistance against Trujillo's tyranny.

Never had Trujillo so desperately desired the Mirabal sisters' death. For some time, his advisers held him back, telling him that their murder would shatter his image beyond repair. However, Trujillo's restraint finally snapped and he ordered Las Mariposas' assassinations. The sisters' husbands were transported to a remote jail, and it was on their way back from a jail visit that the Mirabal sisters were caught, brutally beaten, and strangled to death by Trujillo's henchmen. Their bodies were stuffed in their cars and pushed into a ravine to simulate an accident. For almost his entire dictatorship, Trujillo had appeared to be impervious to attack by his enemies. Invasions by Dominican exiles — the first in June 1949 and the second exactly a decade later in June 1959 — had proved miserable failures. The latter invasion was a catastrophe, even though it had received considerable backing from Castro and included a number of veterans of the anti-Batista guerillas who had fought in Cuban mountains. Despite these demoralizing defeats, the anti-Trujillo underground forces within the

Dominican Republic continued to plan and plot for the overthrow of the hated dictatorship. By 1960, the underground movement was largely crushed. But the Mirabal sisters' deaths, quite contrary to what Trujillo had intended, led to the end of his regime. Their deaths served as a rallying cry for the resistance and stirred ordinary people all the more against him. Trujillo was assassinated six months later in the midst of mounting opposition to his rule by a commander whose girlfriend had joined the resistance.

In 1981, the first Latin American and Caribbean Feminist Conference was held in Bogotá, Colombia. There, it was proposed to establish November 25 as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, paying homage to the Mirabal sisters — Patria, Minerva, and María Teresa Mirabal — women who remain an example of organizing against oppression. Years later in 1999, the General Assembly of the United Nations voted for November 25 to be recognized as the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

In 1994, novelist Julia Alvarez commemorated their story with her historical fiction novel 'In the Time of the Butterflies', which imagined much of the smaller details of their story that were lost to time. In 2001, the book was adapted into a movie of the same name.

Lastly, it is also fitting to mention the fourth sister, Dede, who escaped Trujillo's wrath because neither she nor her husband was ever really involved in politics. But Dede admired her sisters' intrepid devotion to a cause she believed was just and, after the Mariposas' martyrdom, raised all their children with her mother's help. She also looked after the museum instituted in her sisters' honour till her death.

(The author late Com Sharmistha Choudhury was a revolutionary woman leader and the General Secretary of AIRWO)



Credits: AIRWO

A Comment on International Day for The Elimination of Violence Against Women

- Anindita

Today,

International Day for The Elimination of Violence Against Women.

Mirable Sisters in the Dominican Republic were killed on November 1960, 25 on the order of Dominican ruler Rafael Truhio, as they fought hard to end Truhio's dictatorship.

The day against violence against women has been observed on the Martyrdom Day of these three sisters since 1981 after their death.

On December 17, 1999 UN General Assembly nominated the day as the International Day of Women Violence Protest to Eliminate Violence Against Women.

The place of women in the society is still the same as one hundred and two years ago.

Those who went to protest against this had to be victims of various attacks.

Famous lawyer and social worker Sudha Bhardwaj is being arrested on charges of being involved in Maoist activities and trying to murder the Prime Minister.

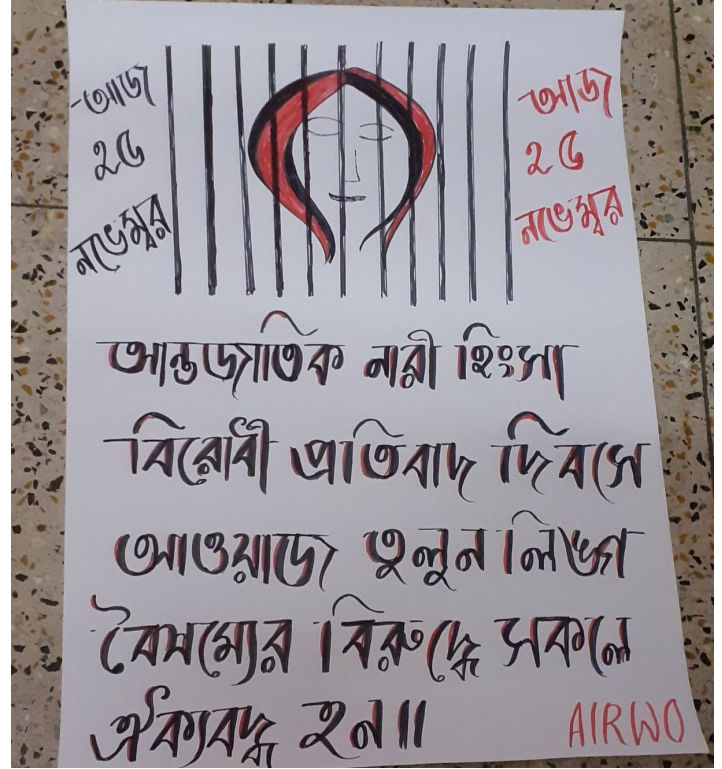
Gauri Lankesh was killed while standing for transparent journalism and Dalits.

And this just a few days ago, the incident of Hathras and Balrampur still shows us with fingers in our eyes,

Women be educated or uneducated, rich or poor, they are always tortured, oppressed, exploited everywhere.

Meanwhile, Uttar Pradesh government has enacted laws against 'love jihad', which is contempt for inter-religion marriage.

The concept of 'Love Jihad' is like that no woman can ever marry a person of another religion.



Credits: Anindita

This is also against equality, freedom and fundamental rights included in our constitution.

CMs of Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Haryana also supported the law against this so called love jihad.

According to the National Crime Records Bureau,

Uttar Pradesh has had the highest number of crimes against women in 2019, which is 14.7 percent across the country. Madhya Pradesh was on top of the list of states in the case of murder of daughter fetus.

Haryana ranked third in the top rate of crime against women with 110.4 crimes per lakh population.

But they don't have any of these. Governments in these states don't pay attention to such miserable reality.

Their headache is 'Love Jihad'.

Celebrate death anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar on 6th December and intensify the campaign against Manuwadi Hindutva, the ideological base of RSS, with the aim of eradicating caste system.

Friends, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar was a great seer who had imbibed the teachings of the French Revolution - Liberation, Equality, Fraternity/Sisterhood. He fought lifelong for the emancipation of the most oppressed section of Indian society, the Atishudras. Through his own bitter experience, he analyzed how the caste system came into existence through the struggle of social slavery and was imposed on the Shudras, Atishudras by the upper castes. In his book "Caste System in India " he explained how the caste system developed along with the development of feudalism in agriculture. He insisted that the caste struggle must necessarily be associated with class struggle.

Dr. Ambedkar emphatically said that the Indian people have two enemies - Brahminism and capitalism.

Today, all the Dalits and the oppressed toiling masses must oppose the Manuwadi ruling system, which is being run by the neo-fascist forces to strengthen its hegemony through majoritarian Brahminical Hindutva attack. It is call of the time. Jai bhim Lal salam.

Bandu Meshram, B. Lakshmaiyya, Uttam Jagirdar

Central Coordinators.

Caste Annihilation Movement movement

AIRSO Congratulates the Brave Struggling Farmers of the Nation on Repealing 3 Draconian Farm Laws

Comrades and Friends,

The Historic victory of 1 year long struggle of farmers to Repeal of Farm Laws made the people in India confident in expression of Dissent and disciplined protest.

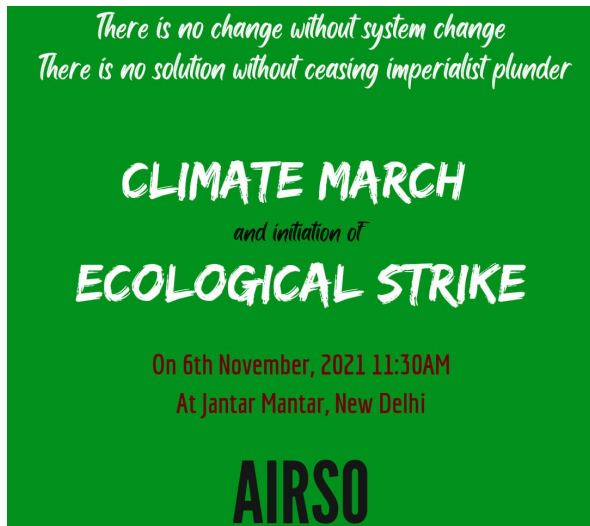
From the 1st of the farmers' movement AIRSO started taking part in the struggle at different borders. Comrades from different states have regularly come and participated. Even till the last moment, AIRSO was part of it. Now, the struggle is successful as the three bills are taken back. The farmers' movement and the tactical approach it adopted was creating an anti-BJP tendency all over the nation. That's why, the government fearing the struggle spreading on pan India basis, accepted its defeat.

But this is not the end of the movement. It will end only when MSP receives statutory backing. We will also be continuing to be part of the struggle. We appeal the students of country to learn from this Historic Protest to create such movement against communal, casteist, pro-corporate, anti-secular, anti-people NEP 2020. We also demand NEP2020 to be repealed immediately.

Shishu Ranjan
General Secretary

Niranjan K S
Joint Secretary

AIRSO Demands Students and the People to Organise Climate March Jantar Mantar and Initiate Friday Regular Ecological Strikes on Global Day of Action Against Ecological Catastrophe



The ecological crisis we are facing has become a burning question all over the world, in recent days. But still, without minding any of its effects, the exploitation of the environment by imperialist forces is going on increasing day by day. In an urge for profit, imperialism is plundering the people and nature in the same way.

That's why, fighting against climate change and ecological catastrophe has become a bigger political question, now. The effects of ecological catastrophe like stably hot climate, relentless floods and droughts, pollution etc. These effects are deadly for the working class, common people and we, students, the future generations of the world. Because the wealthy capitalists will find their own way to adjust to this change without trying to find a solution for this. They can never find a solution without sacrificing their tendency to make profit. So AIRSO understands that students have a major role to play in fighting the plundering imperialist forces for protecting the ecology.

On an international level, activists like Greta Thunberg and Fridays for Future have already understood the hoodwinking nature of the UN rhetoric on ecological crisis.

The COP26 is also just a drama to sympathise people and to show that they are doing something for the ecology. But at least if you check how the UN funds are going to be utilised, you understand that they are still doing a lot of compromise in solving this problem even in the era of a climate emergency. That's why, the anti-imperialist climate organisations like Fridays for Future have taken this initiative to organise for a Climate March in Kelvingrove Park, Glasgow, Scotland on 6th November, 2021, 11:30AM.

In India, All India Revolutionary Students Organisation is taking up this question and is appealing to the student masses and people to organise at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi, India on 6th November, 2021, 11:30AM (IST). We will be organising a Climate March at Jantar Mantar and will be continuing this campaign by initiating Ecological Strikes, which will be done on a regular basis on Fridays at the campuses where AIRSO is present. In addition to this, we will be approaching the masses of slums, who are the most vulnerable people to pollution and ecological catastrophe on 6th November morning 8:30AM and will symbolically clean their surroundings and will appeal to them for their support. On the upcoming ecological strikes at campuses, we will also regularly approach the slum people near our campuses to ensure the student-people unity against ecological catastrophe. We anticipate the support of all students in this initiative.

Shishu Ranjan
General Secretary

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Caste discrimination faced by dalit student at MG University is reprehensible; AIRSO's solidarity with Deepa P Mohanan's hunger strike

The Casteist discrimination showed by the IIUCNN Director Nandakumar Kalarikal and research guide EK Radhakrishnan towards a PhD student Deepa is absolutely reprehensible in the face of the growing caste injustices faced by the Dalit student community in India. Deepa takes to the streets after years of encountering their casteist approach from the IIUCNN director and research guide. that has hindered her research.

Deepa is adamant that she will not back down from her fight against casteist injustice, despite the physical hardships caused by the hunger strike. In a letter, Deepa said that if she lost her life, Nandakumar Kalarikal, Radhakrishnan and the government would be held fully responsible. What happened to Rohit Vemula can be repeated in Deepa too. The exploitation of Dalits and adivasis on the basis of Indian Brahminical prejudices is on a rise today.

We demand that Nandakumar be dismissed from the post of Director as he is found guilty under the SC ST Atrocities Act and as Nandakumar does not co-operate in her research. We also demand that the government end its silence on this issue immediately and find a solution to Deepa's problem as soon as possible. AIRSO's full solidarity with Deepa's struggle for the right to education. We also demand that the students fight together to break down the barriers that have been built up in the caste society.

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All India Revolutionary Students Organization (AIRSO)

Kerala State Committee

Comrade Sivaram's Memorial Inaugurated in Odisha



Credits: CPI ML Red Star DSMC

Comrade Sivaram's memorial was inaugurated on 28th November by Com. K. N. Ramachandran General Secretary CPI (ML) Red Star at Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Com Sivaram was a popular leader, this is also proved by the crowd gathered in this program. Com. Sivaram was a politburo member of CPI (ML) Redstar. At the same time, he was also associated with the Basti Suraksha Manch. Due to the resistance of the slum dwellers under his leadership not a single Basti of Bhubaneswar was demolished by the government. Sivaram was also an active leader of the trade union movement and was a central committee member of the Trade Union Center of India. He always fought against the commercialization and privatization taking place in the education sector. He was associated with the "Save Education " Movement and played an important role in the state of Odisha in the Shikshayatra organized by AIFRTE in 2014. In this program, Com. Akshay (AIRSO President) spoke on behalf of AIRSO and Com. Anindita (West Bengal SC member) remembered Com. Sivaram by singing revolutionary songs.

Akshay
President
AIRSO

AIRSO Demands Immediate Release of Gulfisha Fatima and All Other UAPA Political Prisoners

One and a half years ago, the North East Delhi riots led to the arrest of many protesters and people who took to the streets to fight against the UAPA and uphold their rights. They are still behind bars as trial prisoners with UAPA charged against them. Gulfisha Fatima, a 27-year-old MBA student who was one of the thousands arrested, applied for bail, which was repeatedly denied. It's been 18 months now. They are still denied justice.

The riots are rooted in the Sanghi fascist and state terrorist attack on protesters to suppress the 2020 protest against the CAA in Jafrabad. The government remained silent on the RSS terrorists and police, and mercilessly attacked the protesters. The protesters were mainly women. Those arrested were mostly protesters and they were not responsible for the riots. The UAPA charged in the case of several protesters. Gulfisha is one among them.

For 18 long months she suffered mental torture in prison several times. Still, she waits for justice. In the case of Natasha Narwal and Asif Iqbal, Devangana, they were released as a result of their constant struggle for justice. We now understand that the relationship between the RSS and the BJP government has completely exposed their anti-student sentiment. Anyone questioning the government is in jail. This problem must be solved at any cost. Therefore, AIRSO condemns all black laws, such as the UAPA. We demand the immediate release of all political prisoners, such as Gulfisha Fatima.

Shishu Ranjan
General Secretary

Niranjan K S
Joint Secretary

AIRSO Strongly Condemns the Imposition of UAPA on Two Human Rights Advocates Who Did Fact Finding on Tripura Violence.

State imposed terror is not the new thing in India, It has been practicing since British rules as well as in Congress Govt. But the current Fascist regime of BJP since 2014 is playing an offensive communal game and inciting violence in different states of India. Vehement attacks against the minority Muslims of Tripura by the RSS led VHP and others is one of them. That is strongly condemnable and totally against all the democratic and secular values.

As we are aware that state repression against the Human Right activists, advocates is the main game of the state. A fact finding team led by Lawyers Ansar Indori who is secretary of NCHRO (National Confederation of Human Rights Organisation) and Mukesh who works for the Union for Civil Liberties are charged with the black draconian UAPA.

We are in support with the Lawyers and strongly oppose the imposition of UAPA on them by Tripura Govt. AIRSO demands to roll back UAPA on the Human Rights Activists and Advocates. Also we strongly demand to repeal all the Black and Draconian laws like UAPA, PSA, Sedition, etc. We strongly uphold the position of fighting against all such fascistic tendencies without any compromise.

Shishu Ranjan
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AIRSO WELCOMES FRESHERS TO THE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

JOIN AIRSO AND FIGHT AGAINST THE CORPORATE, FASCIST, BRAHMANICAL, COMMUNAL STATE TO SAVE AND UPHOLD CAMPUS DEMOCRACY AND RIGHT TO EDUCATION

A new academic year is marking its beginning. Many students have taken admission in colleges and universities. First of all, congratulations to all. Even in the new academic year, we are going through a grave situation in which students are forced to get their college education online. In the new situation, the students are facing a lot of challenges as the campuses aren't reopening in many states. AIRSO and many other student organisations are fighting for the complete reopening of campuses all over India as fast as possible. In places where campuses are open, we are striving to strengthen our organisation and bring masses of students under the purview of struggle.

At the same time, in this situation, privatisation, commercialisation and corporatisation of education has converted the education from the status of a right to the status of a commodity. That's why, the students from poor and dalit and adivasi families find education totally unaffordable. It is now, a burning question as the NEP2020 wants the education to be an investment of the private sector for making profit. At the same time, casteist and communal assault on education are growing recklessly. We know, that the syllabuses are changed in such a manner to suit the brahmanical and manuvadi palate. That's why, right to education, has become a bigger political question.

At the same time, our right to freedom of expression has been curtailed. Anyone who raises their voice for their rights are finding themselves behind the bars only due to the reason that they have questioned the state. That's why, within the last two years, thousands of students are charged draconian laws like UAPA and Sedition and are falsely imprisoned. At the same time, the campuses are becoming more unsafe for the students as the campus violence is increasing day by day. At the same time, sexual assaults and abuses of all kinds on women are also increasing on a massive scale.

On this context, we have to counter all these social issues to uphold right to education, freedom of expression and fight for a scientific and democratic educational setup. Otherwise, we will also get enslaved by the same tendencies that the world now faces. As new students, you should be ambitious and thoughtful on making this place a better one. We have to raise our voice for that. Wishing you a great campus life and a glorious future.

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Protest for Reopening Campuses, Repealing FYUP and Rejection of NEP2020

AIRSO Delhi Committee Comrades participated in the protest demonstration organized under the banner of AIFRTE Delhi Committee at University of Delhi VC office to Reopen Campuses and Repeal FYUP (Four Years Undergraduate Program) and Rejection of NEP2020. On the call of AIFRTE, a protest was organised jointly, against NEP2020, FYUP and for campus reopening, in front of the VC Office of University of Delhi. A joint memorandum was also given to the VC and also effigies of VC were burned during the programme. Students also conducted a march around the campuses.



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AIRSO Organised Climate March at Jantar Mantar

On 6th November, 2021, AIRSO comrades of Delhi, went to slums of Delhi and approached the slum dwellers and cleaned their surroundings and conveyed them the causes of Climate Change and Ecological Catastrophe and that the sole bearers of this Ecological Crisis would be the poor workers and farmers and the future generations, ie the students and the children. Then at Jantar Mantar, New Delhi conducted a Climate March and declared the initiation of Ecological Strike in College campuses.

Our fight for ecology is against the Imperialist plunder on Nature because the same imperialist forces are exploiting the people and nature in the same way without any compromise to their profit. No international organisation is taking the revolutionary position to fight against this conflict between nature and capital. That's why,, we demand a genuine solution for this question. In Glasgow, thousands of students marched for the protection of ecology, condemning the flop COP26 at Kelvingrove Park. Our programme was a student initiative to fight politically against this exploitation of nature by the corporates. The slum dwellers of Shakur Basti declared solidarity with our cause. We will be conducting regular Ecological Strikes at campuses every Friday.

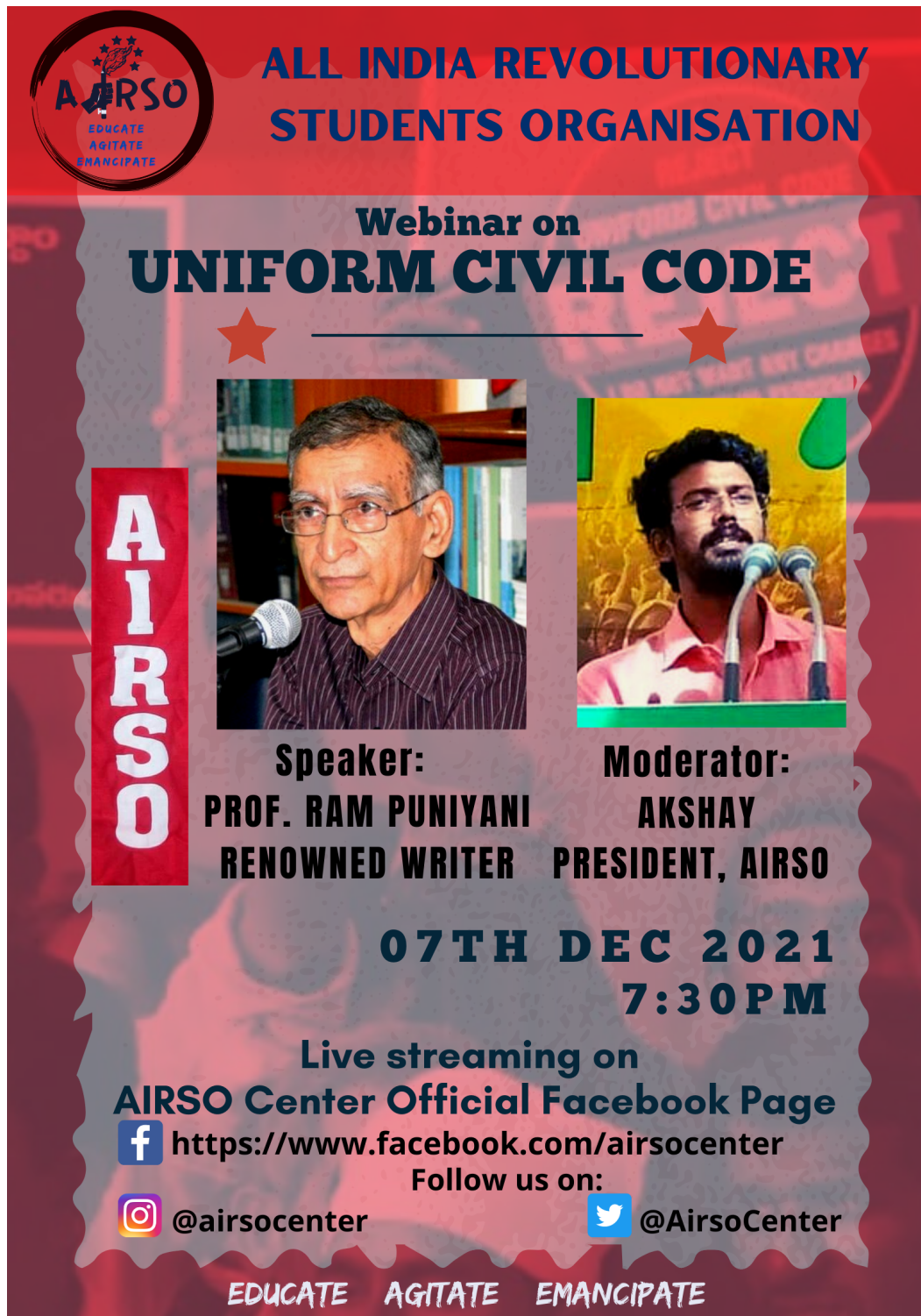


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AIRSO Organised Webinar on Uniform Civil Code

All India Revolutionary Students' Organisation organised webinar on Uniform Civil Code.

Prof. Ram Puniyani was the speaker of the webinar and it was moderated by Akshay, President, AIRSO. Major issues with regards to the Uniform Civil Code on its historical background and current political situation. For watching the webinar, please click on this link: Facebook: www.facebook.com/airsocenter/videos/587959329102764



The poster is for a webinar organized by AIRSO (All India Revolutionary Students' Organisation) on the topic of the Uniform Civil Code. It features a red background with a white scalloped border. At the top left is the AIRSO logo, which includes a gear and stars, with the text 'AIRSO EDUCATE AGITATE EMANCIPATE'. To the right of the logo, the text 'ALL INDIA REVOLUTIONARY STUDENTS ORGANISATION' is written in blue. Below this, the title 'Webinar on UNIFORM CIVIL CODE' is displayed in large, bold, blue letters, flanked by two red stars. Underneath the title are two photographs: on the left, Prof. Ram Puniyani, an older man with glasses wearing a striped shirt, and on the right, Akshay, a younger man with a beard and glasses wearing a pink shirt. Below the photos, the text identifies Prof. Ram Puniyani as the 'Speaker' and Akshay as the 'Moderator'. To the left of the speaker's photo is a vertical red banner with the word 'AIRSO' in white. Below the speakers' names, the date and time '07TH DEC 2021 7:30 PM' are listed. Further down, it says 'Live streaming on AIRSO Center Official Facebook Page' and provides the Facebook link 'https://www.facebook.com/airsocenter'. Below this, it says 'Follow us on:' and lists the Instagram handle '@airsocenter' and the Twitter handle '@AirsoCenter'. At the bottom, the AIRSO motto 'EDUCATE AGITATE EMANCIPATE' is written in white.

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Poem:

HISTORY SHALL CALL US MARTYRS

- Meera



They called us-
Khalistanis, traitors.
We ploughed our fields-
Had meals on the roads-
Slept in the shacks-
And never retorted.
For it is not for us-

They called us-
Urban naxals, terrorists.
We languished in jails-
Kept on teaching in schools-
Built roads for the villagers-
Hatred not seeping in.



For it is not for us-
To clear their fake claims.
Our actions have tongues-
And they speak of revolution.
With pen and ploughs-
And not the venom they sow-
We march forward steadily-
For history shall call us heroes!



Jai Bhim: A Short Review

-Shishu Ranjan



"Jai Bhim" movie is written and directed by Tha.Se.Gnanavel is in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam language and Suriya played lead role as Advocate Chandru who were practicing in Chennai High Court.

This movie is a narration of Police Brutality case in 1995 to the Dalit community of Tamilnadu. Also a fight between a Tribal illiterate women and the Powerful state. It's based on true incidents.

This movie can be said as the progressive movie of this time because in the current scenario of our Country Caste Based violence, Caste based stereotyping is still existing. If you'll see the data of NCRB you'll get to see that thousands of people who are in jail are waiting for the first trial either due to lack of money or due to their Socio-economic background i.e. due to their caste. And they belong to either Schedule Caste, Tribal or Muslim community more than the share of their population in the country. Even many of them are falsely accused by the State Police. It's not I'm saying, it's the data of NCRB, Even it's written in the Social and Political Life NCERT Book of the class 6th or 7th.

This kind of movie should be made as much as possible to start the narrative among the people. In the state of Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, MP and states where there is caste discrimination exist more, the number of people from SC, ST, Muslims community still waiting for their first trial.

The Movie "Karnan" acted by Dhanush is just amazing. In this movie you'll get to see the Police Brutality to the Dalits. And very amazingly handled and fought by the community by uniting themselves.

In India, the most demon and evil thing is Casteism. We can not think of Socialist Revolution until and unless the casteism concern is solved.

In the movie "JAI BHIM", the life of Justice Chandru is very inspirational who fought against the Upper Caste Oppression and Police brutality. Even He had fought thousands of Human Rights cases in Tamilnadu and gave benchmark judgements.

This movie is a must watch movie, if you're supporter of equality then you must watch and apply conscience to fight against injustice.

Hats off to the Directors, producers, Actors and the whole team.

"JAI BHIM, LAL SALAAM, INQUILAB ZINDABAD"



Join AIRSO! Fight for Scientific and Democratic Education! Fight Against Privatisation and Commercialisation of Education!

From the outbreak of the pandemic the fascist government, shifting all the burden of the economic crisis on the people are still continuing the exploitation of the people through the neo-liberal policies. They are using this situation to promote more privatisation all over the economy. The same process is taking place in education, through their efforts to privatise educational institutions and commoditise education. The Right to Education of the students is getting sacrificed for the interests of the profit making private companies.

Meanwhile, by promoting caste divide and distorting history with a view to communalise and saffronise education is also going on all over India. The National Education Policy, 2020, a policy to exclude the dalits, adivasis, religious, linguistic, gender and all other minorities from the purview of education is being implemented all over India. At the same time, the democratic structure of the campuses is now a distant dream, when the fascist state is repressing all the students, who raise their voices through UAPA, Sedition etc. When anti-student policies are rising up and student voices are being cracked upon, we have to stay united in order to wage an uncompromising struggle against the pro-corporate, undemocratic, anti-student policies, with the agenda to universalise education and democratise the campuses.

We also need to support movements to annihilate caste, protect the ecology and also to fight against the patriarchal assaults on women. We have to uphold secularism and fight against the attempt of the communal forces to divide people on religious lines and to oppress the minorities.

Education for all is our slogan, struggle is our path.

Educate! Agitate! Emancipate!

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